

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, AND IS CLEARLY ILLEGAL. Under existing rules, no longer enforced by the FCC, stations had to balance their political offerings.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Clearly, the public interest is not what is being served, but a partisan position. American media, already grossly weakened by current constraints (sops to the corporate bottom line), don't need this attack!

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Nothing less than the viability of the greatest democracy the world has ever known is at stake! Thank you.